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In re Application of:

Tetsuo Ozeki et al

Confirmation No. 4427

Serial No.: 10/098,511

Group Art Unit: 1723

Filed: March 18, 2002

Examiner: Matthew O. Savage

For: WATER PURIFIER FILTRATION PORTION, WATER PURIFIER MAIN BODY, AND
WATER PURIFIER INCLUDING THE BOTH

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: November 21, 2003

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of October 23, 2003, requiring restriction between alleged inventions under the provisions of 35 USC § 121.

In the Action, the examiner made a restriction requirement among the inventions of **Group I** drawn to a water purifier main body (claims 1-5); **Group II** drawn to a water purifier portion (claim 6); **Group III** drawn to water purification portion (claims 7-9); **Group IV** drawn to water purifier (claim 10); **Group V** drawn to a water purifier (claim 11); **Group VI** drawn to a water purification filtration portion (claims 12-19); and **Group VII** drawn to water purifier (claim 20).

Applicants hereby provisionally elect **Group I, that is, claims 1-5**, for examination on the merits in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

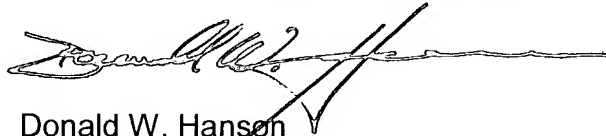
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Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the undersigned hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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